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Communist military activity remains heavy in the northern provinces of Military Region 1, particularly in Quang Nam and Quang Ngai provinces. Most of the action has been directed against government military bases, field positions, outposts and refugee settlements. The Communists have periodically disrupted military and commercial traffic along major highways and strong North Vietnamese attacks have forced the abandonment of a number of outposts and the seizure of a half-dozen villages. In the central coastal provinces, Viet Cong sappers launched a series of hit-and-run raids against government military installations at Cam Ranh Bay early on July 22. Communist gunners

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also shelled the airbase at Nha Trang with 122-mm rocket fire. Meanwhile, the level of Communist incidents in the southern delta remains high, particularly in Chuong Thien, Kieng Giang, and Ba Xuyen provinces.